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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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This is in response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2003 (the "Office Action"), which was designated as a "final" rejection of all the claims in this application. The Office Action was followed by a personal interview held at the Patent Office on August 4, 2003, between the undersigned counsel for applicant and Examiners Jeremy T. Thissell and Brian Casler. Applicant